

1 **CITY OF NORTH BEND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

2 Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM

3 City Hall Conference Room,

4 211 Main Avenue North, North Bend, WA 98045

5 *Please Note: A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the City of North Bend website,*
6 *www.northbendwa.gov, under Commissions - Planning Commission - Meeting Audio.*

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8 **CALL TO ORDER**

9 The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

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11 **ROLL CALL**

12 Planning Commissioners present: Gary Fancher, Jim Luckey, and Rob McFarland (Chair). Commissioner Muoio,
13 Commissioner Lee, and Commissioner Elwood had notified staff that they would be unable to attend.
14 Commissioner Bjorklund was absent. City Staff present: Gina Estep, Community and Economic Development
15 Director; Mike McCarty, Senior Planner.

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17 **AGENDA ITEM #2: MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 23, 2012 PLANNING COMMISSION**
18 **MEETING**

19 Chair McFarland asked if there was a motion to approve the Minutes from the August 23, 2012 Planning
20 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Fancher motioned to Approve the Minutes; Commissioner Luckey
21 seconded the Motion. There were no comments or corrections to the Minutes offered. The Minutes were
22 Approved, 3:0.

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24 **AGENDA ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (LIMITED TO 3**
25 **MINUTES PER PERSON)**

26 Chair McFarland asked if anyone would like to make comment on any non-agenda item.

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28 Mr. Larry Costello, 13050 – 470th Ave. SE, North Bend, WA 98045, spoke to the Commissioners and city staff
29 and asked if he could give comment on an agenda item. Chair McFarland asked the Commissioners if there was
30 any objection. No objection was raised. Mr. Costello gave comment on the Energy & Sustainability Element.
31 There was a discussion between Mr. Costello, Commissioners, and city staff concerning Energy & Sustainability.

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33 **AGENDA ITEM #4: ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT – PLANNING**
34 **COMMISSION REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

35 Mike McCarty, Gina Estep, and the Commissioners reviewed the Energy and Sustainability Element as edited by
36 Chair McFarland that staff had emailed to the Commissioners. There was discussion between the Commissioners
37 and city staff concerning the words “social equity” contained in section A.1 of the document. There was also
38 discussion of the reference to the UN and the Bruntland Commission in this same section. Commissioner Fancher
39 suggested putting the reference as a footnote instead of in the main text, and there was a consensus to agree to this
40 suggestion.

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42 There was discussion of the three interdependent pillars of sustainability.

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44 The Commissioners and city staff resumed review of the Energy and Sustainability Element as edited by Chair
45 McFarland, section by section. There was discussion of property rights, the language of the Constitution of the
46 United States of America, and eminent domain. Chair McFarland suggested that in Section B, the first sentence
47 in the first paragraph be deleted. There was also a consensus to delete the last sentence in the first paragraph in
48 Section B from Chair McFarland’s edited version.

1 While the Commissioners made comments and edit suggestions, Mr. McCarty recorded the edits to the document
2 and they were displayed on a projector at the meeting. The Commissioners and city staff continued review of the
3 Energy and Sustainability Element as edited by Chair McFarland.

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5 Mr. McCarty said that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission will be cancelled, as
6 staff will be away at a Planning Conference. Therefore, the next meeting will be held on October 25, 2012,
7 during which time a Public Hearing will be held concerning the Energy & Sustainability Element. After the
8 Public Hearing, and depending upon the comments received, the Commission may be asked for final deliberation
9 and then to vote on this issue. Chair McFarland expressed the wish that at this next meeting the Planning
10 Commission be more fully represented, and that the Commissioners understand that if they (staff) get the final
11 draft out with the edits made from tonight's meeting, that this may be their final chance at deliberation and a vote
12 may be asked for on the Energy & Sustainability Element.

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14 Ms. Estep advised the Commissioners that October is National Community Planning Awareness Month, and that
15 the city will be recognizing its citizen boards at their October 2, 2012 City Council Meeting. Ms. Estep said all
16 the Planning Commissioners are invited to attend this meeting if they wish, where the mayor will present a
17 Proclamation recognizing and thanking the citizens who serve on the city's Commissions.

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19 Commissioner Fancher expressed his thanks to city staff for the completed paving project on the east end of town.

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21 **ADJOURNMENT:**

22 Chair McFarland asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Luckey motioned to adjourn the
23 meeting; Commissioner Fancher seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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25 **NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

26 The next Planning Commission meeting will be held October 25, 2012 at the City Hall Conference Room.

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32 Rob McFarland, Chair

Mike McCarty, City of North Bend